DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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To Nick:

Under this draft, an applicant is not eligible for the expedited process unless all charter schools operated in this state by the applicant receive certain ratings in school report cards during the two school years prior to the application. As a result of this language, there is an implied requirement that each charter school that the person operates in this state is in operation for at least two school years prior to an application and during those years receive a performance category rating from DPI under the school report cards. Based on DPI's Internet site, it appears that a school may not receive a performance category rating under the school report card if the school is new, too small, or an alternative program. Additionally, at this time, no school has received more than one rating under the school report card published by DPI so the earliest an applicant could apply for the expedited process proposed under this bill would be following the release of the next report card, assuming that all of the applicant's charter schools received a performance category rating for the 2011–12 school year. Please confirm that this is consistent with your intent.

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